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Patent #: 6,447,280

Title: Dual manifold mold with rotating center plate

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**DECLARATION OF MICHAEL WADE**

I, Michael Wade, state and declare the following:

1. I am employed by Tech Mold, Inc., of Tempe AZ, as Treasurer.
2. Tech Mold patent attorney LaValle Ptak, who was used for to prepare and prosecute this patent and is listed as the "Address for Fee Purposes" with the USPTO, is no longer practicing law. Tech Mold received notice from Ptak in 2007 (specific date unknown) that he was retiring and no longer practicing law. However, Ptak did not change the Correspondence Address on file with the USPTO at the time of his retirement.
3. Tech Mold did not receive the 4/19/2010 notice of the 7 year maintenance fee due, and was otherwise unaware of the USPTO maintenance fee requirement. Tech Mold has only three issued patents, and the company does not have intellectual property manager or other personnel focused on patents, as patents are not a primary focus of

Tech Mold's business. The lack of payment of the maintenance fee that was due 9/10/2010 was therefore unavoidable.

4. Tech Mold became aware of this patent lapsing in connection with an inquiry from Husky Injection Molding Systems, Inc. regarding Husky's interest in purchasing the rights to a Tech Mold patent. Tech Mold was told by Husky's Legal Department on February 4, 2013, that three patents held by Tech Mold (7,210,922; 6,624,376; 6,447,280) had all lapsed due to the maintenance fees not being paid.
5. Upon receiving information from Husky about the lapsed patents, Tech Mold began the process of finding a new agent/attorney, and petitioning to revive the lapsed patents. Two of the patents allow for revival due to unintentional delay and are being petitioned as such; concurrently this petition for unavoidable delay is being submitted.
6. Tech Mold has contracted the services of Green Mountain Innovations, LLC / Registered Patent Agent Alan Cote, to petition to revive patents 6,624,376 and 6,447,280, and be the new agent of record for future maintenance fees and correspondence.
7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Dated: 4-16-2013

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